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Don't send troops to die in Rwanda, urges Libertarian Party

WASHINGTON DC — "President Bill Clinton should remember the lessons of Somalia before sending more American troops to die in Rwanda," said Steve Dasbach, Chairman of the Libertarian Party.

"Thirty American soldiers needlessly lost their lives in a futile mission in Somalia, and now Clinton is putting American lives at risk again. But the American military has no legitimate role in the Rwanda crisis," said Dasbach, the head of America's third-largest political party.

"What's happening in Rwanda is a human tragedy, and we applaud the charitable sentiments that President Clinton articulates," added Dasbach. "We encourage individual Americans to contribute generously to the many organizations that are working vigorously — and voluntarily — to relieve the suffering in Africa. That's real compassion; not the coercive, military charity of Bill Clinton."

Dasbach also questioned the precedent that American intervention in Rwanda and Somalia is setting.

"Is Clinton writing a blank check on American lives to intervene in Africa — a continent where 12 million people have died in tribal wars in the past 25 years?" asked Dasbach.

"There's a cholera epidemic raging in Liberia, government soldiers are rampaging for food in Mozambique, and civil war in Liberia has caused 300,000 refugees to flee to the Ivory Coast. Bloody civil wars have already ravaged Chad, Uganda, Mozambique, Angola, and Ethiopia. Civil strife is simmering in Gabon, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Zaire. How many of these problems does Clinton plan to solve? And how many more Americans lives will he waste?" he asked.

Dasbach quoted French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, who recently said, "The time has come for Africans to take responsibility for their own destiny."

"America should listen to that advice," said Dasbach.

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